



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 3715

Application No.: 10/828,304

Examiner: R. UTAMA

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Docket No.: 119516

For: SIMULATOR, METHOD OF CONTROLLING SIMULATOR, PROGRAM, AND
INFORMATION STORAGE MEDIUM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Claims 1-4, 8-11 and 17-22 are pending in this application. In reply to the May 26, 2009 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for reply having been extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in light of at least the following remarks.

Claims 1-4, 8-11 and 17-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,752,716 (Nishimura) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,300,936 (Braun), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,959,613 (Rosenberg '613) and U.S. Patent No. 6,147,674 (Rosenberg '674). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

In particular, Nishimura, Braun, Rosenberg '613 and Rosenberg '674, either alone or in any combination, fail to disclose or to have rendered obvious controlling the vibration mechanism in accordance with degrees of priority assigned to the simulation states, as recited in claims 1 and 8. The Office Action admits that Nishimura fails to disclose this feature. To